

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 12, 14-18 and 20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 12, 14-18 and 20 were rejected. Claims 7, 8, 10, 13 and 19 are withdrawn from consideration. Claim 4, 5, and 11 have been amended. Reconsideration of all rejected claims is requested.

Claims 21-25 have been added to the application and add no new matter to the application.

Applicants affirm election of the first embodiment, claims 1-6, 9, 11, 12, 14-18 and 20 made without traverse on November 3, 2004.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 12, 14-18 and 20 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-6, 9, 11, 12, 14-18 and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Anderson et al. (US 6,118,480).

CLAIM 1

Claim 1 is independent and is restated for convenience as follows:

A digital camera of the type having the ability to perform at least one function, said digital camera comprising:

a display device; and

a first switch having a first operative position and a second operative position, wherein information describing the use of said at least one function is displayable on said display device when said first switch is switched from said first operative position to said second operative position.

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The office action states that Anderson discloses a switch, that when toggled, displays information describing the use of a function of a camera. The applicants disagree with the office action. In summary, Anderson displays information related to a captured image. Anderson also discloses displaying functions of the camera, but Anderson does not disclose displaying "information describing the use of said at least one function" as claimed in claim 1.

As set forth above, Anderson does not disclose a switch, that upon activation displays information describing the use of a camera function. Rather, Anderson discloses displaying information related to the images captured with the digital camera. For example in column 9, lines 4-17 of Anderson, displaying of image information is disclosed, such as the name or number of the image, date, and time an image was captured.

The office action cited Figs. 10A and 10B along with column 9, lines 55-67 to show that Anderson anticipates claim 1. However, this section of Anderson describes using several buttons to display camera features, such as the media setting and a photo script. This displayed information is simply a list of functions and is not "information describing the use of said at least one function" as claimed in claim 1.

Nowhere in Anderson is "information describing the use of said at least one function is displayable on said display device when said first switch is switched from said first operative position to said second operative position" as claimed in claim 1 disclosed. Therefore, Anderson cannot anticipate claim 1.

Based on the foregoing, the rejection of claim 1 has been overcome and the applicants request reconsideration of the rejection.

CLAIM 2-6

Claims 2-6 are dependent on claim 1 and are deemed allowable by way of their dependence and for other reasons. Therefore, the applicants request reconsideration of the rejections.

CLAIM 9

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Claim 9 is independent and is restated for convenience as follows:

A method of obtaining information relating to at least one function associated with a digital camera, said method comprising:

toggling a first switch associated with said digital camera; and
displaying information pertaining to said at least one function associated with said digital camera on a display device associated with said digital camera upon said toggling of said first switch.

Claim 9 was also rejected as being anticipated by Anderson. The applicants respectfully traverse. Claim 9 includes the element of "displaying information pertaining to said at least one function associated with said digital camera". Anderson does not disclose this element. Rather, Anderson discloses information related to the images captured by the digital camera and a list of camera functions. Therefore, Anderson cannot anticipate claim 9.

Based on the foregoing, the applicants contend that the rejection of claim 9 has been overcome and request reconsideration of the rejection.

CLAIM 11-12

Claims 11-12 are dependent on claim 9 and are deemed allowable by way of their dependence and for other reasons. Therefore, the applicants request reconsideration of the rejections.

BEST AVAILABLE COPY**CLAIM 14**

Claim 14 is independent and is restated for convenience as follows:

A digital camera comprising:

- a first switch having a first operative position and a second operative position;

- a display device;

- a computer; and

- a computer-readable medium operatively associated with said computer, said computer-readable medium containing instructions for controlling said computer and said digital camera by:

- detecting said first switch being toggled from said first operative position to said second operative position; and

- displaying information on said display device pertaining to the operation of said digital camera upon said detecting of said first switch being toggled from said first operative position to said second operative position.

Claim 14 was also rejected as being anticipated by Anderson. The applicants respectfully traverse. Claim 14 includes the element of "displaying information on said display device pertaining to the operation of said digital camera upon said detecting of said first switch being toggled from said first operative position". Anderson does not disclose such an element. Therefore, Anderson cannot anticipate claim 14.

Based on the foregoing, the applicants contend that the rejection of claim 14 has been overcome and request reconsideration of the rejection.

CLAIM 15-18

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Claims 15-18 are dependent on claim 14 and are deemed allowable by way of their dependence and for other reasons. Therefore, the applicants request reconsideration of the rejections.

CLAIM 20

Claim 20 is independent and is restated for convenience as follows:

A digital camera comprising:

a switch having a first operative position and a second operative position;

means for storing information pertaining to at least one function associated with said digital camera; and

means for displaying said information pertaining to said at least one function associated with said digital camera upon said first switch being toggled from said first operative position to said second operative position.

Claim 20 was also rejected as being anticipated by Anderson. The applicants respectfully traverse. Claim 20 includes the element of "means for displaying said information pertaining to said at least one function associated with said digital camera". Anderson does not disclose such an element. Therefore, Anderson cannot anticipate claim 20.

Based on the foregoing, the applicants contend that the rejection of claim 20 has been overcome and request reconsideration of the rejection.

II. Restriction


As stated above, the applicants affirm election of the first embodiment, claims 1-6, 9, 11, 12, 14-18 and 20 made without traverse on November 3, 2004.

In view of the above, all of the pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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